

STATE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.CROP CONDITIONS, OCTOBER, 1928.

Following the Department's usual method of obtaining monthly local information as to the conditions of the Crops, 100 reports were obtained this month covering every important Wheat District in the State, and these have been carefully reviewed.

The crops in practically every District of the State had been seriously affected by the dry August and September, but the general rains of the last few days in September and early October revived them considerably, especially in the Murray Mallee Division, but in the Western Division the rain was too late to be of much benefit. With the continuation of favorable conditions, an average of  $9\frac{1}{2}$  bushels per acre might be anticipated, giving a yield of 32,000,000 bushels from the 3,400,000 acres sown for grain.

The reports are summarised below. Definition of terms used. "Bad" means failure to partial failure. "Fair" less than the average. "Good" the average and "Very Good" above the average.

CENTRAL DIVISION.

Counties Adelaide, Fergusson and Hindmarsh - Good.

Counties Gawler and Light . Good to very good.

Counties Eyre and Sturt . Fair.

LOWER NORTH DIVISION.

County Burra - Good. County Daly, Fair to good. County Kimberley - fair. Counties Stanley and Victoria - Generally good, some Hundreds being only fair, some very good.

UPPER NORTH DIVISION.

Counties Dalhousie and Frome are fair to good. Hundreds Tarcowie and Appila appear to be very good. The other counties in the Division are reported to be unsatisfactory - probably failures.

SOUTH EASTERN DIVISION.

Good with possible record in County Buckingham.

WESTERN DIVISION .

Counties Flinders and portions of Musgrave and Jervois appear to be good. The balance of the Division is generally bad to fair.

MURRAY MALLEE DIVISION.

County Russell. Good. County Boscawen, Hundred Price, very good, balance fair to good.  
County Chandos. Hundreds Bews and Allenby, very good, balance fair to good. Counties Albert and Alfred - fair.

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